(f) The object of the Farm is not only to run it as a model Farm but also to investigate into a number of problems connected with the cocoanut palm, and for this purpose four or five acres will not be sufficient.

(g) 650 of the trees were bearing nuts.

(h) 500 of the trees are bearing.

(i) 630 plants.

(j) The seedlings planted are from seed nuts obtained from F. M. S. and from various gardens in the Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk. Their special quality is that they are from trees which are specially set apart for seed purposes.

Public Gardens under Sirkar management.

Mr. K. S. RAMA AYYAR (*Trippunittura*).

18. Will the Government be pleased to state the situation and description of all the public gardens under the management of the Agricultural Department and also under other management ?

Mr. I. RAMAN MENON (*Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats*).

The Public Gardens under the management ot the Agricultural Department are.—

1. Hill Palace Garden, Hill Palace, Trippunittura.
2. Krishna Vilas Palace Garden, Ernakulam.
3. Guest House Garden, do.
4. Residential Palace Garden, do.
5. Pudiya Kovilakam Gardens (Residency), Trichur.
6. Guest House Garden, Trichur.
7. The Zoological Gardens, do.
8. Tullocks Gardens, Madras.
9. Elk Hill Palace Gardens, Coonoor.
10. Spring-Field Palace Gardens, do.

Of these, 9 and 10 are under the immediate supervision of Mr. Butcher, Curator, Botanical Gardens, Ootacamund.

Out of the 10 gardens referred to, Nos. 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10 are gardens attached either to palaces or outlying palaces where His Highness the Maharaja

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or other members of the Maharaja's family reside or live now and then. No. 2 is the garden attached to the residence of the Diwan. Nos. 3 and 6 are gardens attached to Guest Houses for distinguished guests. No. 7 needs no description.

All the Gardens contain the ordinary ornamental and flowering plants in pots or in beds and a number of fruit-trees also.

There are no gardens under any other management.

Recruitment of Munsiffs.

Dr. A. G. MENON (*Tattamangalam*).

19. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether there is any age limit for the recruitment of Munsiffs direct from the bar?

(b) whether the Government has granted any exemption from that rule in any particular case?

(c) whether it is usual to appoint members of the bar direct as District Munsiffs and how many such appointments have been made during the last twelve years?

Mr. A. SANKARA MENON (*Law member*).

(a) There is no other age limit than what is laid down in S. O. No. 8 and article 28 of the C. S. R.

(b) Yes.

(c) At times. Two such appointments have been made during the last twelve years.

Appointment of Mr. V. K. Kuttan Menon as Munsiff.

Mr. M. K. RAMAN (*Ezhuva South*).

20. Will the Government be pleased to answer the following :—

(a) What were the special considerations for appointing Mr. V. K. Kuttan Menon as Munsiff at Ernakulam?

(b) Why were the claims of several graduates-in-law already in service overlooked?

(c) Was Mr. Kuttan Menon an applicant for the Official Receiver's post in the District Court of Anjikaimal?

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